

White Woman Bequeathed Negro \$200,000

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People a Worthy Organization.

Kansas Citizens Slow to Recognize Its Merit.

Prof. Spingarn, Scholar and Friend of Man Heralded to Speak Under Auspices of the Association.

By Chas. A. Starke.

An organization should be judged by its ability and willingness to do a useful work effectively and unselfishly. Such an organization exists and lives in the great movement of men and women, white and colored, who are working for a good cause under the happy appellation of the "National Association for the Advancement of Colored People." Strange to say, this organization has grown out of a necessity which Negroes have had and which white people have not. It is a necessity which has brought forth to blot a progressive civilization and hamper certain people who would rise and elevate themselves along all worthy lines. Race prejudice seems to be steadily taking form in every community and in every conceivable way just where it will break itself we cannot say. This much: It exists and is industriously working to establish discrimination on account of color; baneful segregation of government employees; mob violence and in a thousand other ways which only evil could suggest. Hence this organization we speak of appears to be necessary to protect and advance the cause of civil justice to colored people who are swindled out of their rights and privileges as American citizens. The very fact that such an organization is necessary reflects discredit upon the whole American Republic and its sense of justice. We say this because the national government has practically sanctioned the world which prejudice has wrought and allowed it in the very bosom of civilization. The human hate, the envy, the jealousy which appears to exist so widely among men has but one effective weapon against it as is ever the case, and that is God. Truth. This will finally be demonstrated. We hold that the Negro has every sacred right to live and not only enjoy what rights civil authority assure him, but to live that spiritual and social life in which he can demonstrate over the prejudices according as he receives proper wisdom of God. In just restrictions of any kind narrow the activities in the field of good and impede progress. Civil law fights against itself when it is so constituted to favor one set of individuals over another. When it exalts one citizen above another. The spirit and the letter of the law should be to do justice to every individual, this is Truth in divine law which permits of no gainsaying is inevitably harmonious and cannot be defeated in its office by any overdrawn technicality or false argument. We should therefore learn to enforce the just laws which are designed to promote the good to all men. A law on the statute books the ignorance, hate and weakness of those who enacted it. It is non-enforcement of the "good" laws and the strenuous activity in enforcing unjust "measures" is the cause of the existence of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Its purpose is to see what the good laws mean and what the trumped up measures contain of truth and justice to warrant their enforcement. In this the organization is doing a creditable work inasmuch as it is fighting (often successfully) these unjust laws and securing a liberal number of favorable decisions for citizens of color. Its methods of procedure are best told by the editor of the Crisis, the official organ of the Association, who asks and answers this question when speaking of its policy: "What are the weapons? Organized publicity, advertisement, public meetings, petitions, arrest, law suits, protest, investigation, research, resistance—every way in which the civilized world has fought and must fight and will fight wrong. Kansas Citizens have not been over enthusiastic about these things and a certain lethargic spell has entranced the minds of our citizens notwithstanding that we need such an organization to serve as a 'watch dog' over our interests and help secure our lawful rights. Thursday night Prof. J. E. Spingarn addressed a representative gathering of colored people at Allen Chapel under the auspices of the local branch of the Association. More than 1,000 people crowded the large auditorium to hear him, among whom were a number of whites, but the politicians and white preachers were conspicuous by their absence. Preceding the meeting a conference of workers was held at the parsonage of Allen Chapel, which was attended by Prof. H. O. Cook, G. N. Grisham, R. W. Foster, Keating, Gregg—Jacobs and Williams, Misses Anna

Jones and Naomi White, Mesdames F. J. Jackson, M. F. Todd, Carrie Brydie, De Frantz, Croshaw, Willett, J. Frazier and Thomas and Attorneys Houston and Calloway, Editor Crews, Revs. Dr. W. H. Peck and W. H. Thomas, Father E. S. Willett, Y. M. C. A. Secretary R. B. De Frantz, Dr. J. Frank McDonald of the Christian Recorder, Dr. S. H. Thompson, F. J. Weaver, Prof. John Love, G. W. Teeters and Mr. Jacob Billikoff and Prof. Spingarn. When the distinguished speaker entered the church he was given a magnificent ovation, and after a song by the Western U. Chorus, followed by a prayer by Dr. W. H. Thomas, President Woody Jacobs in a brief address outlined the purpose of the association, and introduced Mr. Billikoff, who in choice and eloquent language introduced Prof. Spingarn, who for one hour held his audience spellbound. To epitomize, he is a great man, fighting for a great cause. May God give him victory!

The Negro Business League will hold an open meeting to which the public, both ladies and gentlemen, are cordially invited, at their rooms, 1303 East Eighteenth street in the office of the Kansas City Sun Tuesday, January 20 at 8:00 p. m. sharp. Western University Glee Club will furnish one or two vocal numbers and short addresses will be made by Mr. H. P. Ewing, Manager of the Kaw Valley Truck Farm Co. and T. G. McCambell, Manager of W. L. Farm and Custodian of Grounds. If you believe in Negro business and want it to succeed, you are urged to be present. F. J. WEAVER, Pres. A. E. ESTES, Secy.

TANGO

KANSAS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BARRED FROM TANGO.

Lawrence, Kas., Jan. 12.—Chancellor Frank Strong today forbade students of Kansas University attending tango receptions or teas or dances where the tango is permitted.

SAYS TANGO IS SLIDE TO HELL. Minneapolis Minister Raps Our Adaptation of the Dance.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 11.—Illustrating his sermon by going through the various positions of the dance in his pulpit, the Rev. G. L. Morrill, pastor of the People's church, preached today on "The Tango." Mr. Morrill, who has recently returned from South America, compared that popular dance, as performed in the United States, with that in the Southern republics. During the sermon he said:

"The savage heathen dance I recently saw in Bolivia is outdone by civilized, Christian Americans.

"The natives wear more clothes and dance more decently than the tangoists of so-called high society.

"The Argentine tango is a modest minuet compared with the way we rush it. The man from Buenos Aires would not know it as danced here.

"The dance has degenerated from devotion and diversion to dissipation and debauchery.

"The tango is popular because it is depraved.

"It is the 'dance of death, and its step in due time slides to hell.'"

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Miss Ellen Fitz Pendleton, president of Wellesley college, who is a visitor in San Francisco, declared today that the tango and other modern dances would never invade Wellesley. She also declared that all skirts and kindred costumes are not the dress for gentlewomen.

New York, Jan. 9.—Dr. Stephen S. Wise, in an address said:

"My objection to the so-called modern dancing arises out of the belief that it is only a phase of the widespread social deterioration we see about us. Modern dancing is not dancing at all. It is simply a prolonged sex orgy set to music."

New York, Jan. 9.—"The dance known as the tango will lead to the

destruction of many girls," according to Mrs. Frances Woodman Wilsey, a policewoman, detailed to various dance halls.

"I have talked to many young girls and the tango has a most demoralizing influence on them," she said. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 9.—Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell of the Catholic diocese of Richmond, Va., will place a

"chivalry is far from being dead in Virginia," he said.

"The men there have too wholesome respect for the dignity of womanhood and the women are too jealous of their high estate to permit the self-respect in either sex to be trampled in the dust by sensual dances."

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Miss Ellen Fitz Pendleton, president of Wellesley college, who is a visitor in San Francisco, declared that the tango and other modern dances would never invade Wellesley. She declared that all skirts and kindred costumes are not the dress for gentlewomen.

"The students of Wellesley would not think of appearing in the classroom with their skirts unbuttoned at the bottom," said Miss Pendleton. She declared there was not a faculty ban on the skirt—merely a well-bred dislike.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—If the tango craze in Chicago on the wane?

Many public dance halls have barred the Argentine dance and the proprietors say that they have suffered no drop in patronage.

"Popular opinion is not in favor of the tango as it is danced," said George Curtin of the Vermont dance hall. "I find that the dancers enjoy the tango and not the waltz. The middle-aged dancers do not like or want it."

Policewomen Mary A. Boyd and A. B. Telford of the staff of Major M. L. C. Funkhouser, second deputy superintendent of police, Chicago's morals censor, are convinced today that the tango craze is waning.

They visited a number of former tango sanctums Wednesday night and found only one where the dance, upon which a ban had been placed by the police, was being permitted or desired by any but the youthful dancers.

These younger dance hall patrons are blamed for the tango. It is they that put the "wrists" and "dips" and other objectionable features into the dance, it is claimed.—American.

"GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY" is Feb.

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

If you've a gray haired mother In the old home far away; Sit down and write the letter You put off the other day. Don't wait until her weary steps Reach heaven's pearly gates; But show her that you think of her Before it is too late.

If you've a tender message, Or a loving word to say; Don't wait until you forget it, But whisper it today. Who knows what little memories May haunt you if you wait; So make those you love happy Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken, The letters never sent; The long forgotten message, The wealth of love unspent; For these some hearts are breaking— For these some loved ones wait; Show that you care for them Before it is too late.

—Wagoner American.

MASONIC HOME NOTES.

Hurrah for Green Valley Court No. 70.

Editor Crews—Through the efforts of the matron, Mrs. Sarah W. Dixon, the inmates were made to rejoice over a box of good things received from Green Valley Court No. 70 of Marshall, Mo.

Mrs. Bette Ferguson, matron of said Court, got her hustling sisters together and the following groceries were sent: 4 cans of peas, 3 cans of corn, 1 can of kidney beans, 4 cans of tomatoes, 3 cans of other fruit, 3 pounds of prunes, 6 pounds of navy beans, 2 pounds of dried peas and 2½ pounds of hominy. We are proud to announce not a single Court or Chapter has turned a deaf ear to our appeal for a donation. We wish we could say as much for the lodges—only a few Masters, it seems, have pushed the donation idea. Mesdames Edward Rucker of Louisiana, Mary Radford of Chicago, Anna J. Healey, Ethel J. Penny, Ellen Hicks, Nellie Lewis, Harvey Hicks and Prof. Chas. E. Penny of Hannibal were recent visitors of the Home.

W. H. DIXON, Supt.

NOTICE.

Ladies and Gents' Shoe shining at the Colored Shoe Store. 1507½ E 18th St. Ladies Especially Invited.

Women's Club Notes

Miss Effie Pennington was a very charming hostess Friday evening at a party given for the Ochia Girls, complimentary to her cousin, Robert Pennington, Dixon, Ill.

New Year's night eight of the Kansas City young men entertained the Ochia Girls, in honor of Miss Wallace, at the beautiful residence of Mrs. Franklin, 2228 Highland avenue. Miss Wallace will join soon for her home in the South. Kansas City will lose a very charming young lady.

Progress Study club met at 2216 Woodland avenue, with Mrs. Bert Hill as hostess. The club was entertained by Professor J. Dallas Bowser, who lectured on "Travels Abroad," and was highly appreciated by all present. All the meetings will be held at the Overall Studio. Miss Frances Hayes will be hostess next Tuesday, January 20.

THE CLIPPERS SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR MISS CLAUDIA E. JENKINS

A towel shower Saturday January 24 at 2628 Highland avenue by Miss Vic Newsum, Miss Bessie Jacobs and Miss Della Newsum.

A kitchen shower Saturday 31 at 400 Haskell avenue Kansas City, Kansas by Miss Winifred Morton and Miss Ruth Bradley.

A miscellaneous shower Saturday February 7 by Miss Oma White, Miss Rosa Barbee and Miss Grace White.

A handkerchief shower Saturday February 14 by Miss Effie Grant, Miss Margaret Jackson and Miss Katherine Davis.

VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sister P. A. McFadden, Bros. Thomas Glenn and G. W. Taylor have been on the sick list.... The funeral of Sister T. Robinson was preached last Sunday. The occasion was indeed sad, but we can but say God's will be done. She was a Christian of long standing and died in full triumph of faith. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.... Sister Robinson was a member of Eva Court, E. & W. H., and the Tabernacle. Much credit is due both lodges for the great care and high respect shown.... Mr. James Graham and his newly married wife, Miss Jennie Piper, were at church last Sunday. A very pleasant smile was worn by each of them.... Morning and evening services were well attended. One addition to the church was made.

African Emigration A Fake.

From Sierra Leone, capital of Liberia, comes the last word to Oklahoma regarding Chief Sam, the Negro promoter, who has been working among the Negroes of Oklahoma on an alleged colonization scheme. Chief Sam, declaring that a boat is being built for him at New York, has been securing \$25 apiece from Negroes in Oklahoma, the money to be used in building the ship and paying the passage of the Negroes to Gold Coast, Africa.

Yesterday Rev. Johnson of the African A. M. E. Church here, received a letter from Bishop William H. Heard at the capital of Liberia, branding Chief Sam as a pure fake. The bishop says in his letter that there is absolutely nothing to the colonization scheme and that Negroes are not even allowed to land in the Gold Coast country.—Tulsa World.

Negro Gets Fortune.

Wilmington, Del. January 10.—Levi A. Taylor, a Negro farmer of Newark, Del., has come into a fortune of \$200,000, including a large strip of land in Atlantic City, N. J., by the will of Mrs. Susie Brighter, a white woman, who died recently.

Taylor worked for Mrs. Brighter, entering her employ in 1900. He reclaimed lowlands at Atlantic City and supervised the erection of sixty houses on these lands for Mrs. Brighter. He will establish a home for colored boys near Wilmington, Del., with the money.

Provident Hospital Makes Announcement

To the Public: The Institution formerly run by Dr. J. E. Perry and known as the Perry Sanitarium has been taken over by the Provident Hospital Association. The doors of this institution were thrown open to the general public January 1st, 1914, and the management of the same is vested in a board of directors consisting of five of Kansas City's well known and public spirited citizens, to wit: Evelyn Baldwin, Marilda Gardner, Clara T. Knox, E. M. Smith and T. B. Watkins. The officers are: President, Evelyn Baldwin; secretary, Eva M. Smith; assistant secretary, Effie Watkins; treasurer, Mrs. Clara T. Knox. The building of which the Provident Hospital Association assumes charge has twenty-five beds, two of which this association has for several months maintained as free beds and this policy will be continued. The building is provided with steam heat and lighted with electricity and has an operating room with all the instruments necessary for the most difficult operations. In this connection also the institution has retained the services of Miss Nellie Palmer, the most accomplished and experienced nurse in the West, together with other competent nurses who will render valuable assistance. This institution is now public in every sense of the word and whatsoever money realized from operating the same will be expended for the maintenance of the hospital. This institution therefore belongs to the public, is a public necessity and merits the public's support. The following physicians and surgeons are on the lecturing staff: Dr. Lloyd E. Raller, Dr. G. W. Brown, Dr. J. H. Williams, Dr. J. E. Perry, Dr. Thos. A. Jones, Dr. E. A. Walker, Dr. M. H. Lambright, Dr. Thos. A. Fletcher, Dr. C. M. Kane, Dr. Whittington Bruce, Dr. Wm. J. Thompson. The medical profession when desiring hospital services for their patients will find the Provident Hospital an ideal place. Doctors desiring to serve on the staff for either medical or surgical are kindly requested to apply to the president.



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